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Hurley leaves Bryant OCE Office

By Bridget McLean
Contributing Writer



Rich Hurley was a shining star in The Office of Campus Engagement. He helped create and develop programs that transform the lives of students at Bryant. His work touches all students here at Bryant, whether through First-Year Orientation, Linked through Leadership programs, the IDEA program, or even just the new Fisher Student Center, Rich Hurley had a hand at developing them all. If you did not get the chance to meet him while he was here, you probably had seen him waiting for his iced tea at Dunkin' Donuts, or swiftly walking through Fisher. He will be greatly missed by his staff and the students and faculty who got to know him during his eight years here.

What are your plans post-Bryant?

I am going to be the Associate Director for the Student Resource Center at New York University in Manhattan. I am going to be working in the Student Resource Center and their mission is to afford all students at the university the information, resources, and experiences in order to succeed at their time at NYU. I am going to be working with commuters and transfer students who come into the university and there are over 20,000 off campus and commuter undergraduate

students in that population.

A team of other professionals and me will be managing their commuter student government, their leadership opportunities, and their major programming. They have commuter assistants who guide students as a mentorship opportunity, and we will work with all their service opportunities and their faculty-staff collaborations. It is more about creating resources and programs and fitting the needs of the commuter and transfer students. I will get the opportunity to manage Weeks of Welcome in our department, which is about 500 programs in one week, and Senior Week. This will be the first thing I will be doing there, being able to be more involved with the programming involvement side in the students' experience at NYU.

Do you think it will be challenging going from a small university to such a large university?

Yes. I think one of my fears is that here at Bryant I can see the impact of the work easily in some way, shape, or form. I can connect with every single first year student when they come to the university through

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Pi Sigma Epsilon takes Houston!

By Sidney Logan
Contributing Writer

The Pi Sigma Epsilon chapter went to Houston, Texas this past week to attend their National Conference. They competed in various competitions throughout the week including: a recruitment fair challenge, Top Silver presentation, case study competition, and a sales competition. They competed against the top business students in the nation, and came home with a first place trophy in the recruitment fair challenge.

They came out on top by presenting a comprehensive recruitment strategy that consisted of selling their chapter in a James Bond themed presentation. Throughout the week the chapter also attended general sessions that were focused on professional development, and even held their own general session where they gave advice to smaller chapters on how to grow their membership.

The Bryant Chapter was a finalist for the William H. Harris Top Silver Chapter award. Top Silver standing is a prestigious level of achievement. Chapters work hard throughout the year to reach accreditation standards in order to attain this level of prestige. The presentation consisted of the students bringing together all of the accomplishments they made while following a strict guideline. They then made this presentation to a panel of judges that consisted of corporate sponsors from various companies.

The Pro-Am Sales competition was held on Friday the 17th. The students were



Pi Sigma Epsilon poses after winning first place in recruitment fair challenge. (Kiersten Photiades)

tasked with the challenge to sell CUTCO Knives to a Texas meat manufacturing company called Northbourne Foods. The students were given a prompt with information, and were able to be matched up with corporate sponsors to have one-on-one coaching sessions with them before the competition. After the event there was a networking reception where the students that competed were able to speak with the companies that were corporate sponsors. The corporate sponsors were very impressed with the students and the competition.


The case competition was also another challenging competition that the Bryant student's participated in. They were given a case on Thursday the 16th, and were given 24 hours to come up with a comprehensive analysis of the case and a recommendation of the case, and then present this to a panel of judges. The

case that the students were given involved Pepsi Canada and their Ultimate Taste Challenge. Pepsi was given a recommendation by a consultant in order to showcase this challenge successfully, and the students were supposed to research this and advise them whether or not the plan would work. The prompt said the consultant recommended that they set up a virtual tasting between Pepsi and Coke. The Bryant students did not look at this as effective and instead recommended that they set up a music festival with some of the music artists that have previously worked with Pepsi. They received great feedback from the judges for this creative approach.

The conference gave the students a chance to attend presentations by corporate sponsors, who dedicated their time to the well-being of the organization. Corporate sponsor Ed Albertson presented on his

experiences as a Partner for Carew International and how the sales profession has changed in the modern age. The Founder of the Tom James Company, Spencer Hays, also spoke at the convention on his experiences at Tom James.

With the guidance of their alumni advisor, Brian Andersen, Bryant's Pi Sigma Epsilon chapter was able to make an impact in the competition. Their alumni advisor was able to lead them to being successful in these competitions and gave them advice for their professional careers. Brian Andersen was rewarded for all of his hard work and dedication to the Bryant Chapter by receiving the prestigious award of Top Alumni Advisor. The work of the Bryant Chapter, with the help of their advisor, did not go unnoticed. The name Bryant University will not be forgotten among the members of the conference.



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Murdering Pig

In 1386 a pig in France was executed by public hanging for the murder of a child.

Quack

A duck's quack doesn't echo anywhere and no one knows why.

Flying Chicken

The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds.

Honey

To produce a single pound of honey, a single bee would have to visit 2 million flowers

Cockroaches

Cockroaches can live several weeks with their heads cut off.

By Molly Funk
Editor-in-Chief

Insight into fall 2015 OCE changes

By Allie Miller
News Editor

As the school year is starting to wind down for most students, Campus Engagement is working hard to create the special events that make the Bryant experience so unique. This department is busy year-round creating some of your favorite campus events. In the midst of this busy time for Campus Engagement, Judy Kawamoto, Director of Campus Engagement met with me to talk about this truly unique operation on campus. When Judy started working at Bryant in 1997, Campus Engagement was a far cry from the department we know today; in fact, it wasn't even a department. With six total employees, what was then known as the Bryant Center housed two departments: Bryant Center Operations and Student Activities. Since then, Judy has overseen the merging of the two divisions into Campus Engagement and has watched the department grow into one of the most crucial operations to student life as we know it at Bryant. Campus Engagement extends far beyond the daily operations visible to the visitors of the Fisher Student Center. While the academic calendar ends in May for most of the Bryant community, Campus Engagement works hard year-round. In fact, June is one of their busier months as they spend two full weeks accommodating the 1,000 plus orientation guests who visit during the four orientation sessions. Just as crucial to the foundation of the Fisher Student Center as Dunkin Donuts on Monday mornings, are the 11 staff members of Campus Engagement and 50 student workers who seem to be constantly running around campus in red polo's. These team members are busy with good reason. Many operations crucial to Bryant come

through Campus Engagement. This department notably caters to the over 100 student organizations on campus which include Greek Life, media organizations, Student Senate, Student Programming Board, and Commuter Connection. In addition to student-run programs, Campus Engagement is involved in the IDEA program, opening weekend, orientation, senior week, spring weekend, and many other activities synonymous with the Bryant experience. Of course, Campus Engagement also oversees the operations of the Fisher Student Center, which Judy is proud to say "really has become the living room of campus." Although the space reopened after renovations just over a year ago, Judy and the rest of the Campus Engagement staff are constantly reevaluating the space and what happens in it. Never satisfied with the status quo, this department is continually searching for the best structure and services for students. Nonetheless, Judy was happy to report that a survey recently completed by over 600 students indicated that the community is very happy with the space and services provided. According to her, the success of Campus Engagement is largely due to the "rockstar staff." The department is proud to employ approximately 50 student workers, who also account for some of the more recognizable student leaders on campus. The department chooses to hire student workers because they are committed to the traditional student union model. In addition to other key ideas, the philosophy of Campus Engagement is to create opportunities for student involvement and create student leaders. As hard as they work, the Campus Engagement team members all really seem to love what they do. Committed to creating the best services for students, Campus Engagement is central to the exciting opportunities that make Bryant such a special place to attend college.

Sulmasy named first Provost at Bryant

By Molly Funk
Editor-in-Chief

Glenn Sulmasy of the United States Coast Guard Academy has been named Bryant University's first provost and chief academic officer, a position that became effective in March 2015. As our first provost, I thought it necessary to sit down a get to know Provost Sulmasy, and learn what his role really means.

Sulmasy is an expert in international law and national security, with career experience in academics, law, and government service. According to his LinkedIn profile, Sulmasy taught at the University of Connecticut School of Law in the fall of 2014. He also taught for almost fourteen years at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. This academic resume is just as extensive; he attended the US Coast Guard Academy for his undergraduate degree where he studied pre-law, played varsity football, and was active in the Political Affairs Association. He

then attended the University of Baltimore School of Law where he was a student fellow at the Center for International Law, and the President of the International Law Society. He earned a National Security Law degree from University of California School of Law, Berkeley, in 2007, and degree in National Security and Human Rights in 2008 from Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. Check out our website, bryantarchway.com for the full interview Thursday April 30th!

PA program update

By Sarahanne Kent
Staff Writer

Bryant University recently opened up a new graduate school program specifically for those seeking a physician’s assistant degree. This is a remarkable feat and a particularly proud moment in Bryant University’s history.

In January of this year, the Physician’s Assistant Program admitted its inaugural class of 32 students, testing the waters of this new program and on March 2, 2015, the ribbon was officially cut by President Machtley, along with other PA staff members, as a ceremonial gesture of welcome for the new program to the campus of Bryant University.

Jay Amrien, the director of Bryant University’s Physician Assistant Program, spoke at the ceremony, saying memorably “This is a beginning, and it’s a big beginning for Bryant. It’s a big beginning for me. And more importantly I think it’s a really big beginning for 32 great students.”

On the subject of the ambitious students striving to move forward into the world of health care, President Machtley said, “we want to make sure that our PAs when they leave here not only have the technical proficiency to be great physicians assistants but they have the compassion and the caring and the human touch which can so often be missing in health care delivery.”

Of course, it is important to remember the staff that is also taking a monumental step in order to ensure the important education of these students. Amrien praised the staff at the ceremony by saying “I truly have some of the greatest faculty anyone could ask for.... I’ve got people who are not only dedicated to clinical practice, but dedicated to the education of health care providers and they carry on Ron’s [President Machtley’s] theme of we don’t want to just build technical health care providers. We don’t want them to just have that education, that knowledge. We want them to have that human approach to taking care of patients.” Then, without further ado, the ribbon was cut by President Machtley, Jay Amrien, and several other members of the staff, giving way to a new future of healthcare providers.

As for the program itself, it is laid out in regard to the highest model of efficiency, as is, of course, the Bryant way!

The program has three vital important partners, including The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, the Care New England Health System, and the Southcoast Health System. Graduate students will receive the unique opportunity to intern at some of the most prestigious medical providers in Rhode Island, such as Lifespan health system, Blackstone Orthopedics, Gateway Health Care, and Sturdy Memorial Hospital.

Bryant University’s on campus classrooms provide their own unique setting. Having just recently been built, the Physician Assistant wing has all of the latest technological advances students could hope for. The beautiful new wing “includes two new physician assistant classrooms, a high-fidelity simulation laboratory, and a physical examination laboratory.” And, of course, it wouldn’t be Bryant without the emphasis on business that encompasses all of our lives. Therefore, Bryant University has implemented the eight management principles of medical practice into the Physician Assistant program, which, the program states, gives graduates a “competitive advantage.”

Looking to apply to the Physician’s Assistant program and become a part of the graduate class of 2018? The application process opened on April 22, 2015 and closes on October 1 of this year. Among the many requirements, the applicants must have finished their undergraduate education by September 1, 2015 and have an overall GPA of 3.0. For more information, explore the program on its website at <http://gradschool.bryant.edu/health-sciences.htm> where there is information pertaining to admission, accreditation, employment, and tuition

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Information Literacy: Not Just for Librarians

By Laura Kohl
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Did you know that librarians and professors are not the only ones who think that knowing how to do some darn good research is an essential skill for you to have?

Did you know that your future employers are interested in hiring employees who have strong information literacy skills? You remember what information literacy means right? That pesky term that you might hear when librarians come to your classroom or your professor is asking you for credible and scholarly sources. Information literacy is the ability to know what kind of information you need, how to look for it, how to evaluate its worthiness, how to add it to your papers and projects and build upon it and finally how to give proper credit to the folks who wrote up that information originally. So who else cares that I know how to do this stuff you ask?

The Association of American Colleges and Universities is an organization that is concerned with what you all are learning in college and how what you are learning might apply to the larger world. One of the ways that the organization keeps track of the relevance of what colleges are teaching and its relationship to the

professional world is through a survey put out to business and nonprofit leaders. The survey asks employers to rate the importance of particular skill sets for their new hires. Things like effective communication, the ability to work in teams, and critical thinking always rise to the top. But you know what else is up there? Information Literacy!

That’s right, 68 percent of the business leaders surveyed think that information literacy is a “very important” skill to have. And, just to be clear, this doesn’t mean the ability to Google something and tell your boss about the top three links you find, but you all know that.

So the next time you are working on a research paper or project for class, remember that you are building essential skills that your future employers will be seeking. You are becoming a more information literate person with each well done annotated bibliography you submit. You are expanding your horizons with each citation you create (without EasyBib). And, you’re making the library staff so proud!

For more on the AACU surveys: <https://www.aacu.org/leap/public-opinion-research>

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Featuring Feminism: Kati Machtley

By Kati Machtley
Director of the Women’s Summit

Some time ago Aubrey Waz had asked if I would write an article for this section of the Archway. While this article comes at the end of the academic year, I have been thinking about this topic ever since last fall, and have finally gathered my thoughts enough to compose a short essay for Featuring Feminism.

I have been the Director of The Women’s Summit* at Bryant University for the past 19 years. The mission of the Women’s Summit is to provide professional and personal development and financial empowerment for the women and men who attend this educationally enriching conference each year. Each year the Women’s Summit Co chairs, the Program Committee, the Web Committee, the Logistics Committee Guest Relations Committee, faculty, and staff and students, collaborate to provide an empowering learning experience for the 1070 women and men who come to campus to attend the Women’s Summit each year.

Growing up in the 50s and the 60s in a more traditional area of Middle America, feminism was not spoken about in the house where I was raised. It was not talked about, but feminism was being practiced every day when my mother would go to work as a teacher in the elementary school which my sister and I attended. Thanks to my grandmother, also a teacher, my mother had the privilege of going to college and studied to be a teacher, winning a top award at her graduation. My father also had a good job, and as a result of their combined incomes, after some years, we were able to live in a nice house and go to good public schools.

There was no Title IX when I went to high school so I never had the opportunity to play organized women’s sports in either high school or college. I was fortunate that a local YWCA had a girl’s basketball team that I

could play on after school during my high school years. My sister and I were both encouraged to go to college, and had the opportunity to pursue the professions of our choice in order to be financially independent.

I never even heard the word “feminism” until my freshman year in college in 1968, when some women came to our dorm to discuss “feminism”. While we were gathered in the common room of our dorm, a large group of male students congregated on a hill just above the dorm. Apparently they knew more about what was going to be discussed than I did, and were not happy about “feminism” being presented to us. They proceeded to run down the hill and started to pound on the windows of the dorm to disrupt the discussion. Confusion and fear were created, and we all retreated to our rooms. So that was my introduction to feminism. I felt that this was something that we were not free to discuss either at home or in our dorm or at college.

We never had Women’s Studies courses in high school or college, so feminism seemed to be off limits to me. I also took for granted the right to vote, but enjoyed voting in every election. After all, this was America; didn’t everyone have the right to vote? Women’s suffrage was not in my vocabulary as a young adult.

But, after years of career success as well as encouraging my own daughter to grow and succeed in sports throughout her life and in her profession, feminism has taken on a life of its own for me.

When my son was in high school he took an English class that had a section on women’s literature. Because I was never exposed to this in my own education, I often read some of the assignments that he brought home. I enjoyed reading short stories such as “The Yellow Wallpaper” and other literary works that opened my eyes. One of the most interesting revelations occurred one night when at 16 he said to me “there are three groups of people who have been discriminated against in America. They are, Native Americans, African Americans and

women.” To me this was a profound statement. The fact that he understood all this at 16 seemed pretty advanced to me, but in my education those topics were never discussed.

After working at Bryant University for 19 years I have had the privilege of mentoring and encouraging hundreds of students to succeed both professionally, and personally. I cheer them on at many athletic events, artistic, academic, and musical endeavors. It is so gratifying to be a small part of their lives while they are here and to watch them as they become young adults who have achieved success and are launched into the real world. Many overcome challenges and obstacles in order to achieve their goals, and they inspire me to do the same.

As the director of The Women’s Summit, feminism now has new meaning to me. While I am not an expert, I believe that I advocate for women’s rights on the grounds of political, social, and economic equality. I would also seek to establish equal opportunities for women in education and employment with equal pay. I also feel that men are a part of this equation, and appreciate President Machtley’s support and that of the Bryant Community over the years.

Feminism has a wide spectrum of beliefs and outcomes. Everyone has different views about feminism, and each person is free to adopt those aspects of feminism which they are comfortable embracing.

We are so fortunate to live in a country where we have the right to so many freedoms. Women have come a long way in America since the 50’s and 60’s as a result of increasing educational opportunities, the feminist movement, and continued support from other women and men. There is still work to be done. Continued leadership is needed for forward progress in advancing women, and narrowing the wage gap.

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orientation. Whether it is just walking by and they know my name, or I know their name, or I was involved checking them in, or whatever it may be. At NYU, it is a whole different animal. There are over 5,000 first-year students, so I think that I will be challenged on being able to know if my reach has an impact. I'm always going to wonder, just like I do at Bryant, what the other half thinks. What do the students who aren't speaking up, who aren't connected, and who aren't involved, what do they really think about NYU? Luckily, I have no problem asking that question a million times over to anyone I meet, so it is going to be fine.

How has Bryant assisted in shaping you into the person you are today?

I could answer this for hours. First and foremost I was a student here from 2000-2004, so the whole reason that I got into the field of student affairs is because of my student leadership experiences when I was at Bryant, and I was afforded the opportunity to have mentors and staff who really advised me, guided me, and helped me. Then subsequently there were the people who said, "You can do the work that we do" and that transformed me. I came in here as an accounting major, and, gosh, I am so happy that I am not an accountant. For all the accounting majors, I am sorry, but I think I found my career path here.

I left, got my masters at Central Connecticut, and I worked at Roger Williams [University] for a year, and then I came back here, and I know that I would have never been able to get the job at NYU if I had not had the experiences that I have had over the course of the last eight years. I have been given opportunities to create programs, to develop student leaders, to rebuild a student union, and to lead a staff who is so committed to student development and advocacy for the student body here at Bryant. I feel that I have learned much more than I could have ever given here, I have learned unbelievable life lessons.

As a Bryant student, did you ever think that you would come back as a part of the staff?

No, when I left I said I would not come back because I had such a great experience here and I didn't want to tarnish my good experience with being an administrator. I just didn't want to do that, and I worried about that. But then, when I was at Roger Williams, I knew I wanted my next job to be in either leadership or community service. When I realized this, the job at Bryant was posted and it was in both leadership and community service. I'll tell you why I came back, the reason I came back at that time was because everything that I knew as a student here was drastically different, to the point where I could come back.

The name of the department changed, the students at the school had changed, and there was only one staff member left in the department that was still here, Karen Misaszek, and I love her. She is a second mom to me so, needless to say, I was so happy to be able to work with her. The Vice President of Student Affairs at that time, Dr. Aiken and the Assistant Dean Judy A. Kawamoto, said something to me that made me want to come back. They told me they wanted to transform student life, and continue to transform student life on campus. Those words were the selling point to me. Everything was different, but the core of Bryant was the same. The really amazing things about this university were all the same but we grew and transformed to be better.

What do you love about Bryant and what is your favorite memory?

What I love about Bryant is that I think we come together very well. Whether it's homecoming, The Festival of Lights, The Spring Weekend Concert, or whatever it might be, we really do come together. I love that I can pick up the phone and call any faculty and staff member and ask a question, which is very rare. I love that I get to work with students who want to make a difference, whether it's in themselves, their peers, or in the community, they want to make a difference, they want to be able to do good things. The personal connection that you are able to have here is really monumental, I think.

My favorite memory as a student was graduation day, getting to walk through the archway. With no doubt in my mind it was the most meaningful experience for me. I would have to say, as a professional, a few memories come to mind. Being initiated with the first class of Sigma Chi was definitely a moment. A favorite memory was the opening of The Fisher Student Center; that was definitely a top 10 moment. The first time the IDEA program was done was a great memory as well. I also think that there have been so many times where I have had one on one interactions, retreats, and leadership programs where I have just been completely blown away by our students here. Those moments will always be a part of me.

What will you miss the most and what might you miss the least?

I will miss having Dunkin' in the building, I will miss seeing the archway on a daily basis, I will miss driving onto campus and that feeling I get every morning. I will miss the people, my staff, and The Fisher Center. I honestly can't think of something that I will miss the least, as silly as that is.

Any last words for your Bulldogs?

Yes, I think that one of the things that has really helped me in my eight years here is that rarely did I ever say "no", that I wouldn't help, support, or put someone else's needs in front of my own. Very rarely did I put myself before others which has transformed my ability to be involved and engaged in this community. I would urge people to say yes as much as possible and to really try their hardest to put the needs of others before themselves. If you do that then your needs will be met too.

The fight for democracy

By Michael Young
Contributing Writer

Two student movements for democracy that seem unconnected, brought together students from Taiwan and Hong Kong. Taiwanese students occupied the Taiwanese Parliament opposing a new trade agreement with China; while Hong Kong students occupied Central, the major financial district in Hong Kong, to protest against China for taking back the democracy they promised.

On June 21, 2013, the Taiwanese government passed the Cross-Strait Services Trade Agreement (CSSTA) with mainland China without clause-by-clause review. China promised to open up 80 sectors to Taiwan, while Taiwan would open up 64 sectors to China. Although this agreement is supposed to benefit Taiwan economically, students and protesters argue that this will only damage the service-based economy in Taiwan. In addition, it is more threatening politically, to allow big businesses from the mainland to trade freely in Taiwan.

Small and medium sized businesses account for 98 percent of all businesses in Taiwan and produces up to 70 percent of its GDP. According to the Diplomat, the CSSTA only serves to allow Chinese companies to crush and take over a majority of local businesses. This is devastating to Taiwanese workers and smaller companies. Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao, director of the Institute of Sociology at the Academia Sinica in Taipei, say that big businesses and the financial sector will be the very few Taiwanese groups that will benefit from the trade pact. In return, this policy will inevitably sacrifice the majority to benefit a small minority.

As first reported by Ruby Russell of the Occupy, there are also concerns of Chinese companies taking control over Taiwan's mass communication networks. Chinese businesses are allowed to invest in TV stations, radio companies, news network, publishers, book distribution, and cinemas...etc. Due to the intense media censorship in mainland China, this agreement only reinforces the negative connotations of the CSSTA.

Students went on the streets, took over the Legislative chamber and named the movement the "Sunflower Revolution". Started from March 18, 2014, the occupation lasted 23 days, until government officials agreed to re-review the CSSTA on April 10, 2014.

On September 26, 2014, Hong Kong students went on the streets once again to protest against mainland China and received countless support from Taiwan.

After the return of Hong Kong to China by the British in 1997, Hong Kong was allowed to maintain



its own government, currency and most of its political system. This arrangement was known as "One Country, Two System." According to the CNN, the Chinese government also promised Hong Kong that it will be able to elect their own government, with a selection of its own people in 2017, however, the promise was taken back on September 4, 2014.

Beijing officials announced that Hong Kong's legislative election in 2017 will only consist of candidates chosen by the Chinese government. Mainland Chinese newspapers also published articles saying that Hong Kong will never be independent and will always be manipulated by China (with no exaggeration).

This resulted in the peaceful movement called "Occupy Central." Protestors were to take over the finical district in Hong Kong for just a short period of time, so that the leaders of the movement would get a chance to voice their opinion to government officials. However, speakers from the government suspended multiple conferences and as people started to become impatient, this peaceful movement exacerbated into violent conflicts between the protester and the police force that lasted over a month.

On September 28, 2014, Police brutality resulted in the "Umbrella Revolution" and this is when Taiwan students also decided that they have to help Hong Kong students fight against what happened to them just six months ago. Students went on the streets, occupied highways, and camped near government buildings. The Umbrella Revolution lasted for almost three months and ended on December 15, 2014. However, the Hong Kong government did not follow up on this issue, and as cultural conflicts arises again between Hong Kong and mainland Chinese people, the Umbrella revolution is slowly coming back.

As Hong Kong students continue to fight against China's capitalist power, Taiwanese students continue to defend their country from Chinese interventions, students from both countries became more united than ever.

New athletic facility

By Stephanie Johnston
Staff Writer

Anyone wondering what all the commotion is that is going on out in the commuter lot? It is the construction of Bryant University's new Strength and Conditioning Center. The project began this semester and will continue to be under construction until July so it will be fully functional once fall sports arrive back on campus next year.

Intended to be 10,400 square feet, the building is being designed by Cutler Associates, an architecture company based out of Worcester, Massachusetts. According to the company's description, the structure will feature large glass exterior windows the whole height of the building. All sports teams will be able to use the new facility for weight training instead of the Jarvis Weight room in the basement of the Chace Center. The state of the art appearance of the building as well as its functionality isn't all that speaks to Bryant University's dedication to its athletic teams—the building's large size competes with other top athletics buildings in the region.

The facility will especially benefit the school's football and men's lacrosse teams by bringing their practices to another physical level. When head men's lacrosse coach Mike Pressler was asked about the construction project, he cited the ability of an even greater efficiency during his team's practices that will come with the new building as something to be excited about. The extended space and the 24 platforms will allow more athletic teams to work out at the same time and with better equipment. This conditioning will likely improve on-field practices as well.

Coach Pressler also sees this building as a representation of the support that the future of athletics, and particularly men's lacrosse, is finally receiving from the school.

"The weight room is paramount to our success on the field, our success in recruiting, and just huge for Bryant lacrosse and Bryant athletics in general," says Pressler. "...having state of the art equipment in there is certainly a glitz in the recruitment—this will catch people's attention." Finishing up a tour of Bryant for potential new athletes at the new facility would definitely be a selling point, according to Pressler.

Overall, the Strength and Conditioning Center is a small step in the continued growth of Bryant University's twenty-two Division 1 Athletic teams. The switch to playing for Division 1 in the Northeast Conference came in 2007 for the school, though the teams were not eligible for any championships until 2012. Since then, the programs have been working hard to grow and develop. Teams on campus have been proving their worth of the Division 1 status, with nine NEC titles thus far (six from tournament play). The Center will be the biggest step Bryant University has taken to improve and support its athletics from a financial standpoint since the move up in competition.

This building isn't the only thing Athletics will have going for it next season though; a new indoor field facility is in the works as well, which will be positioned past the Bulldog Soccer Field and should be completed within the upcoming year.

Bryant Student-Entrepreneur launches his own iOS app called ‘Orbit Marketplace’

By John Logan
Business Editor

Brendan Varney, a junior international business student, speaks to us about the new iOS application “Orbit Marketplace”, which he and his team have been working on. It has been on the iOS store since April 14th.

J: First of all, what exactly is “Orbit Marketplace”?

B: Orbit Marketplace is a location-based marketplace app that allows users to set up a profile/store, follow other people, sell items, and discover items being sold around them. It has an in-app chat system, so there is no need to give out any personal information like phone number or email. Users can also rate other buyers & sellers, so it adds a level of trust and safety unlike craigslist, which is anonymous. There’s also a unique feature called Wishlist. The point of Wishlist is to send you a notification once an item appears that you currently are unable to find or cannot find within a certain price range.

J: What is your role in all of this and who else is part of the team?

B: I joined the team in December. I am officially the Marketing and Digital Media Coordinator. The founder is Amaan Udhas, a good friend of mine. I met him at Bryant when he was also freshman in the IB program, but he transferred to Northeastern University his sophomore year. We have two more team members, Kimberly Healy and Vrinda Badami. Kim is also a junior at Northeastern, she is the Associate Director. Vrinda is a junior at Penn State, and is our Webmaster. She helped develop the framework for our app and some of the key design features.

J: How did you guys actually make this app?

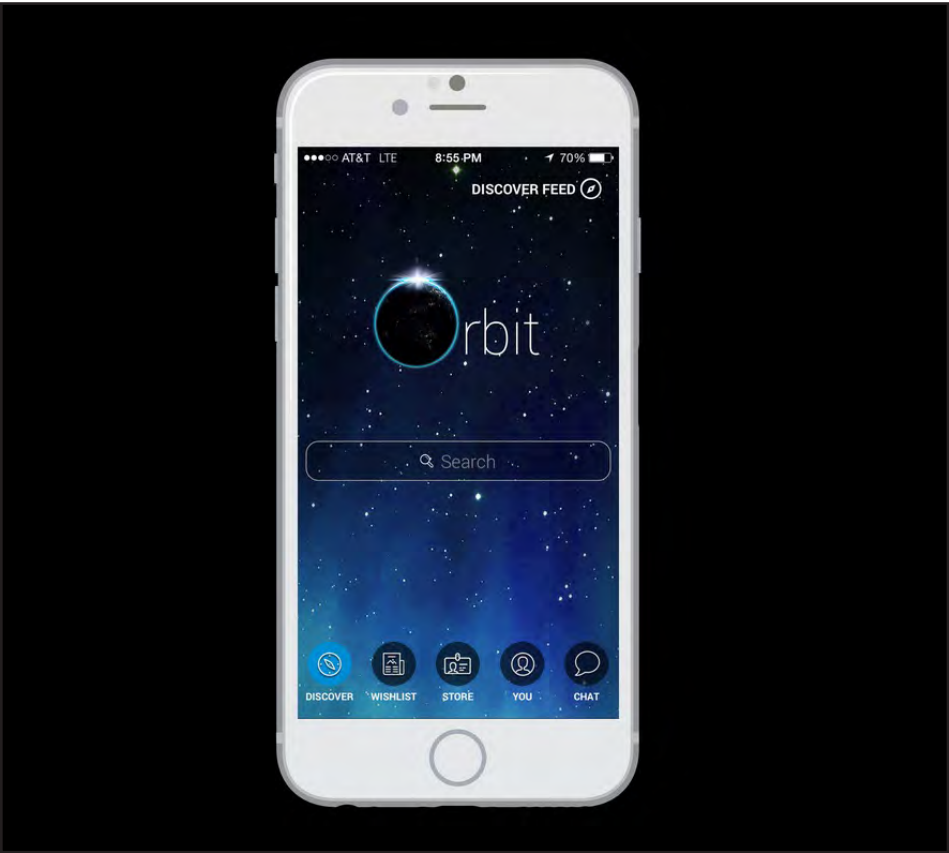
B: Vrinda was in charge of early iOS & Android development. She crafted the early prototype and design. We received some seed funding from family, friends, and a couple of angel investors, which helped cover expenses that came along the way.

J: How do you think Orbit Marketplace can become profitable and what is your vision for Orbit’s future?

B: Our focus first and foremost is the user experience. It is important to us that Orbit is safe, fun and easy to use for our users. As of now we charge businesses on Orbit a small fee for having an “online store” and other features. For individuals it is free to buy & sell things. We are still in the process of adding more features, mostly based off suggestions from our users.

J: What’s the best way to get in touch with the team at Orbit Marketplace?

B: You can visit our website: www.orbitmarketplace.com. We are available on the iOS App Store for free. Any suggestions from our early users will go a long way in making sure future updates are catered to their needs. Also, we’re in the process of hiring for the summer so if anyone is interested in working for a startup, please get in touch with me at bvarney@bryant.edu!



The concerning gender gaps within businesses

By Gore Simervil
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As you might have heard the pay gap between men and women are in intense debate in the news recently. It stands to raise the question as to why in this country which is known as the ‘land of equal opportunity’, women are being paid less than their male counterpart. Currently women make up nearly half of the workforce. According to the New York Times Four in 10 American households with children under age 18, now include a mother who is either the sole or primary earner for her family. Even with these facts, the United States, according to the numbers, still see women as being secondary to men in the workplace.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation’s leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since its founding in 1881, the AAUW have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues which plague our country such as educational, social, economic, and political. The AAUW along with other groups supporting women rights have examined the gender pay gap over the past couple of

decades, and have found that if this trend continues at the same slow pace as it has done for the past fifty years, it will take 44 years, or until 2058, for women to finally reach pay equal to men.

AAUW’s research proves that irrespective to the level of qualification, jobs done by women pay less than jobs done by men. Within the last few decades, women have made strides to break through the glass ceiling of unreachable jobs. Women are now holding positions in jobs that were previously only held by men yet are experiencing a pay discrimination. Research shows that on average in the United States, women make only 77 cents for each dollar that men do.

The gender pay gap consists in almost every congressional district according to recent statistics. In states such as Louisiana, the women are paid just 66 percent of what men are paid. The most equal pay equality takes place in Washington, D.C. where women are paid 91 percent of what men are paid. The pay gap is even much wider for women of color. According to the AAUW, Hispanic women make just 54 percent of a white man’s earnings and 90 percent of a Hispanic man’s earnings. The smallest disparity is found between Asian

American women who maintain an average of 90 percent of men’s earnings.

I asked current Bryant University student, sophomore Angela Melchionno who is majoring in Actuarial Statistics, a field primarily consisting of men of what she thought about the gender pay gap between men and women. “It has been on the news a lot lately and it is surprising that in this day and age it is still a prevalent issue. I’m not sure about how I can make a difference but it is apparent that the people in charge whether it’s the CEO’s of these companies or policy makers need to step in and demand change. I just hope by the time I enter the workforce this issue will be resolved.”

To fix this issue CEO’s need to start stepping in. Women cannot simply wait for the gradual change to occur. Companies need to monitor and address the pay rate. Salary audits need to be done to ensure equality. Policy makers as well need to step up to push for change. The Equal Pay Act needs to be updated to force companies and employers to create equal opportunity all employees.



Digital technology in grocery aisles

By Kathleen Gallagher
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Mike Hansen, a resident of this small, southeastern Wisconsin town, got a computer six years ago but has yet to set up an online connection. Hansen, however, has started borrowing an iPad from the service desk at a nearby Piggly Wiggly store to do his weekly grocery shopping. The attraction: an app the grocer makes available to its customers. It gives them savings and loyalty points while they’re shopping and provides valuable data to the grocer and product manufacturers. As he makes his way through the store, Hansen, 65, scans bar codes from milk, cheese, mushrooms and other items as he puts them into his cart. The app keeps a running total of his selections, automatically applies discounts and allows him to speed through a special check-out line. “I just hate the electronics, but the money savings I like,” Hansen said. The shopping app Hansen used is made by Fetch Rewards Inc., one of at least three young Madison, Wis., companies focused on bringing digital technologies to the grocery industry. Largely unchanged for decades, grocers are starting to see an onslaught of young companies transforming an industry with innovations. “More and more transactions are moving online and you can see the beginnings of store owners starting to realize they should change their strategy,” said Jeremy Neren, founder and head of business development at GrocerKey Inc., a Madison startup that partners with stores to help them sell online and deliver locally. “The way they’ve done business for 100 years doesn’t apply anymore.” New “food-tech” companies, many headed by young, tech-savvy entrepreneurs like Neren, are driving the transformation. Such companies raised more than \$1 billion from venture capitalists in 2014, according to CB Insights. The companies have technologies for delivering groceries, ordering food, tracking inventory and doing other tasks. Others have created replacement products such as eggs, meat and leather. Instacart Inc., a San Francisco grocery-delivery concern that Forbes Magazine earlier this year called “America’s most promising startup,” in January raised \$220 million in venture capital, and the company is now valued at \$2 billion. Fetch expects to have its shopping app available in new stores later this summer.

The company has nearly completed a \$4 million fundraising round, said Wes Schroll, founder and chief executive officer. Fetch previously raised \$4.3 million, about half of it late last year, Schroll said. “Everyone is competing with Amazon and looking over their shoulder at Target and Wal-Mart,” said John Philosophos, a partner at Great Oaks Venture Capital LLC, which has invested in Fetch. “The Fetch app gives small players a tool for consumer loyalty and pricing.” Schroll, who dropped out of the University of Wisconsin-Madison after his sophomore year to run Fetch, said he came up with the idea after grocery shopping experiences revealed the industry’s inefficiencies. Fetch has a patented technology that connects smartphones and other devices with any type of point-of-sale system, Schroll said. The app benefits the three primary players in the shopping experience _ customers, product manufacturers and grocers, he added. Shopper Jean Vollmer was skeptical but tried Fetch after the store posted signs tallying up the potential saving it offered. Vollmer now borrows a store iPad and uses it regularly. Vollmer saved about \$6 and got a free package of Johnsonville sausage with the loyalty points she accumulated during a recent visit. She said she will use the service “as long as I can save money.” Shoppers pay nothing to use the app, and like it most for the savings and the way it makes shopping fun, Schroll said. Retailers pay a one-time setup fee and a monthly subscription fee, but Fetch makes most of its revenue from the product manufacturers, he said. The app gives manufacturers the ability to deliver coupons on the spot _ so when a customer scans a bag of brat buns, Johnsonville can immediately send a coupon for sausages. Product manufacturers also get data that shows them how much individual shoppers will spend on particular items, and allow them to target specific demographics. Kimberly-Clark Corp., for example, has the ability to target a coupon for Depends, its adult incontinence product, to older shoppers, Schroll said. Customers like Kimberly-Clark receive aggregated data and never have access to the identity of individual shoppers, he said. Grocers that use Fetch typically have 10 percent to 24 percent of their customers using the app within three months of launch, Schroll said. Those shoppers spend 25 percent to 30 percent more in the store when they use the app, he added. The Piggly Wiggly has been able to differentiate itself from the competition since it started using Fetch in July, said Curt Schmidt, store manager. For customers who don’t own smart devices, the store initially bought three iPads to lend and has added three more, Schmidt said. In many cases, the Madison food tech companies are starting with family-run grocery stores that historically made money by acquiring more stores, said Andrew Hoeft, founder and chief executive officer of Pinpoint Software Inc. in Madison. “Now there’s a younger generation that’s helping them realize they can make more money with the business they already have by improving their processes,” Hoeft said. For instance, the 93 stores around the country that use Pinpoint’s Data Check Pro software save an average of \$40,000 annually by tracking their expired products more efficiently and in less time, he said. Economic development professionals and others often try to predict which technologies will develop in their communities, said Joe Kirgues, co-founder of gener8tor, which trains startups in Madison and Milwaukee, and counts Pinpoint Software among its participants. “But one of the exciting things about there being a grocery cluster in Madison is that no one predicted it,” Kirgues said. “And who knows what new cluster will emerge tomorrow.”

Will the Facebook Messenger app combine emotion and texts?

By Queenie Wong
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Instant messages can feel trite and impersonal, but new apps can make it easier to express emotions beyond a text or emoji. Facebook recently opened up Messenger to app developers, and there are already more than 40 ways for people to show their feelings with the click of a button. Want to make someone smile or laugh? Send a GIF or e-card. Feeling old? Create a selfie with wrinkles. Got the urge to serenade a lover? Turn text into a song. Angry or frustrated? Add fire effects to an image. It may seem like silly fun, but companies that created these apps say they’re also part of an effort to breathe emotion into electronic communication that can feel impersonal and cripple face-to-face conversations. Magisto CEO and co-founder Oren Boiman has seen it happen in restaurants where two people are sitting next to one another, but their eyes are fixated on their smartphones as they text. When you converse, Boiman said, it’s about more than just the words - there is also emotion conveyed through hand gestures and facial expressions. “There’s almost a battle to restore everything that we lost. Plain text is in a way the most efficient and the worst way of communication,” he said. It’s also hard to read emotion through an instant message, he said. Even the phrase “You’re really funny, you know?” is ambiguous in a text where sarcasm is hard to read. So the Menlo Park company developed an app for Messenger called Magisto Shot, which Boiman said is meant to help people show how they feel. You can take a photo, select a “vibe” --such as happy, sad, scary, love, hyper, funny and scary -- and Magisto Shot then adds music, filters and effects based on the mood, turning the image into a short video you can send via Messenger. “We want to help people express things that we almost forgot that we do with

human communication,” Boiman said. Showing people how you feel along with making statements about what’s happening is an important part of language, said linguist John McWhorter, an associate professor at Columbia University. Since texting mimics spoken language, he said, people are not content with statements that don’t convey more than just information. “Nobody would have expected that the telegrams that we send to each other today are actually very warm, spontaneous and human compared to anything anybody could have imagined 20 years ago,” he said. Concert pianist Bob Taub knows firsthand how music can sway people’s emotions. Taub is the president and CEO of MuseAmi, a New Jersey company, that also created a Messenger version of its app Hook’d. The app allows people to select a song based on their mood, record themselves singing with the backtrack of the songs like they’re a lead singer, add effects and then send the video clip to a friend through Messenger. If they’re feeling like a boss, they can pick the song “All About that Bass” by Meghan Trainor, or if they’re feeling sexy they can sing along to “Let’s Get It On,” by Marvin Gaye.

“We’re marrying (messaging) and (music) in the social media platform to allow people to infuse their messages with more personal character through singing and videos,” Taub said. There are also plenty of apps on Messenger meant to make people laugh. As GIFs became more popular online, Camoji founder Carlos Whitt said that the company saw an opportunity to create a tool that would allow people to create their own GIFs using a camera and filters such as “drunk,” “cool blue,” “strobe” and “censored.” “If you talked to the average person on the street and ask how to create an animated GIF, most of them would have no idea,” he said. “We wanted to build the simplest and most playful tool out there for creating animated GIFs.” The San Francisco startup has tried creating several apps before meant to create simple and fun experiences that could connect people together. But the idea of a GIF camera just clicked. “At a bar you show it to someone and they instantly smile. As soon as we saw that, we knew that we were on to something,” Whitt said.

Bryant baseball perfect over the weekend

By Chris McCormick
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The Bryant University baseball team hosted an in-conference four game series against Mount St. Mary’s over the weekend. The Bulldogs (14-16, 6-2) swept the Mountaineers (6-24, 4-8) in an impressive fashion. With gorgeous weather in Smithfield this weekend the Bulldogs received a great amount of support from the Bryant students and local fans.

On Friday the Bulldogs won by a score of 9-1 which included a dominant performance by junior pitcher Kyle Wilcox. Wilcox pitched eight innings and only allowed one earned run while striking out four opposing batters and only walking one. Bryant was locked in at the plate on the afternoon as well. Senior John Mullen recorded his 200th career hit as a Bulldog and went 3-4 on the day. Junior Bulldog Buck McCarthy tallied his second homerun of the season in the fifth inning. After Wilcox’s strong eight innings on the mound the Bulldogs brought in senior Alex Lagos to close out the game with a scoreless top half of the ninth.

Saturday featured a double header for the two teams. The first game was decided by one run and featured a walk-off double by Mullen, which lead the Bulldogs to a 10-9 victory. However, the win did not come easy for Bryant, as they had to battle back from a fairly large deficit in order to claim the win. They trailed by six runs in the sixth inning with a score of 8-2 in favor of Mount St. Mary’s until the Bulldogs battled back over the course of two innings eventually tying it up in the bottom half of the seventh inning. Sophomore Matt Albanese was the spark on the day for the Black and Gold going 3-4 at the plate and scoring four runs for his team.

The second game of the double header was a smooth 6-1 win for the Bryant Bulldogs. Junior Bobby Rinn, who had already homered in the first game, was dialed in all day going 2-3 knocking in a pair of runs and launching his second homer of the day for the Bulldogs. James Karinchak also went the distance for the Bulldogs, pitching all seven innings, striking out six Mount St. Mary’s batters and only allowing one run, while not walking a single batter.

On another gorgeous afternoon the bulldogs played their final game of the series, and once again winning in quite an impressive fashion. The bulldogs gave up six runs in the first inning but were able to chip away at the Mountaineers lead and eventually run away with the game for a 14-9 victory. Buck McCarthy added to an impressive weekend with three hits and three runs batted in. A key to the victory was freshman Justin Snyder stepping onto the mound for the Bulldogs in relief. He stood tall on the mound for five and two thirds innings only allowing one run.

Over the weekend, Bryant’s four wins were good enough to place them in a tie with Sacred Heart atop the NEC rankings. The Bulldogs have now beaten the Mountaineers an impressive 22 straight times. With roughly a month left in the regular season, and most of the games against conference teams, the Bulldogs look to win their third straight NEC title as well as their third straight NCAA tournament berth.

Diamond nine fall to Uconn

By Mark Gallant
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As hundreds of Bryant students lined up at the Fisher Student Center for spring weekend concert tickets, the Bulldogs baseball team (10-15) had something else on their minds, as they took the field across campus at Conaty Park to host a northeastern powerhouse, the UConn Huskies (23-13).

Coming into the game, the Huskies had outscored their opponents by over 100 runs in 26 games. With a lineup that boasts four players with over a .300 average, an impressive sub-2.75 team ERA, and fielding percentage of .975, UConn is a team with no clear weakness. Not to mention the fact that they play in the American Athletic Conference along with teams like Memphis, Houston, and University of Southern Florida. Bryant would clearly have to play their best baseball to compete.

But, on perhaps the most beautiful day of the season, the Bulldogs played their worst game of the year, as they were drubbed 18-5. If the Huskies had flat out beaten them that badly, Bryant could’ve tipped their caps to them, but the Bulldogs themselves handed UConn the game through mental mistakes, errors, and overall sloppy baseball.

Coach Owens handed freshman Justin Snyder the daunting task of starting against the Huskies. The decision paid off for one inning, as UConn went down in order, but Snyder ran into trouble in the second. After an error and two walks loaded the bases, two singles drove in three runs for UConn, and Snyder was pulled after just 1.2 innings. None of the runs were earned.

The Bulldogs would pull within one in the third inning after two consecutive doubles from junior Robby Rinn and senior captain John Mullen, but that was as close as they would get.

The top of the fourth inning was one to forget for the Bulldogs, as mistake after mistake led to five runs for the Huskies. Junior Jimmy Davitt was only credited for one earned run, but he threw a pickoff attempt into center field and later balked home a run. Bryant made two more

fielding errors before Davitt was replaced by junior Mike Marshall. Marshall threw two wild pitches and allowed an RBI single to add to the ugly inning. The Bulldogs were down 8-2 by the end of the

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inning despite allowing just one earned run.

The fifth inning wasn’t much prettier for the Bulldogs, as a Husky reached first on a dropped third strike to begin the inning. A single and hit by pitch would load the bases for UConn with nobody out before Marshall, just as Davitt did an inning before, balked home a run. Senior Alex Lagos would come on to relieve Marshall, allowing two more runs to score.

UConn would score three runs again in the sixth inning, pushing their lead to 14-2, before Bryant would score again. AJ Zarozny, Matt Albanese, Cole Fabio, and Buck McCarthy recorded four straight hits and Jordan Mountford added another later in the inning to drive in the team’s fifth run of the game. However, that was the last push the Bulldogs made, as they were only able to collect two more hits on the day.

Bryant was able to keep UConn off the board in the seventh and eighth innings, but the Huskies sent eight men to the plate in what would be a four run ninth. The Bulldogs would go down quietly in the bottom half of the inning, dropping the game 18-5.

The total damage looked like this: five errors, two balks, three wild pitches, two hits batsmen, nine walks allowed, and 17 hits allowed. Though Bryant would have difficulty against UConn regardless, they made this game impossible to win for themselves.

What it takes to be a Bulldog football player

By Juliana Ucuz
Contributing Writer

Saturday April 18th marked the day of the Bryant University Spring Football game at the Bulldog Stadium. For athletes and non-athletes this is a fun and lively event; however, not many people know how much goes into practicing and conditioning, not to mention the pressure that the football players have on their shoulders. Players have to survive winter runs and spring practices to prove that they deserve to be on the team or even deserve to be a starter. Winter runs consists of waking up to be at the field at 6:30 am to go through rough workouts to test and improve agility, endurance, and mental ability. Workouts entail sprinting, cone drills, and weight lifting just to name a few. This takes place for five long weeks, three time a week. After the players tried to prove their

physical skills, they have to try and prove their on-field presence which are where spring practices come in. Spring practices are when the playbooks come out. The defensive line players have to establish a presence on the field, so they have it a little bit easier than the offensive line players who have to memorize over fifty plays.

Defensive line coach Benyard Jones, was nice enough to sit down and talk about the importance of winter runs and spring practices. He mentioned how the main reason for off-season and winter runs is to develop strength and agility in players and that it “develops their mental toughness to help overcome adversity”. And then he went on to discuss how spring practices influence coaches and that it is “critical to the development of your team and it gives you a chance to see what progress the older players have made, but it also looks at your younger players that didn’t play much during the season”. Coach Jones also spoke about the difference between a freshman

player in the fall and a sophomore year player at the end of the spring season. The biggest difference that he mentioned was the level of experience that a player has. Each repetition they take during their career helps to shape them and develop them into the person you hope you saw on film. An incoming freshman has to work even harder than the rest of the players because they have no previous experience in the college league. As a sophomore, junior, or senior they do not need to prove themselves as much and they usually know where they stand; however, upperclassmen still need to work just as hard and not slip. Between the Spring Football Game and after summer session is when the players find out where their spots on the team are.

Bryant has released the football schedule for the 2015-2016 season. The opening season game is at the Bulldog Stadium against American International on September 5th.

NBA playoff reform starts

By Taylor Persechini
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The NBA playoffs have started. The top eight teams from the East Conference and the top eight teams from the West Conference are now competing for the championship. This year's playoffs will be similar to the previous years in deciding which teams are playing in them; however, with new commissioner Adam Silver that could soon change during the offseason. A proposal has been made to replace the top eight teams in each conference with a new system where the top overall 16 teams compete, regardless of conference.

The main reason behind this possible change is that almost every year there is at least one team that misses the playoffs with a record better than that of a playoff team from the other conference. In the most recent years the Western Conference has been a lot stronger than the Eastern Conference. This season, the Oklahoma City Thunder had a better record than Milwaukee, Boston, and Brooklyn, all Eastern Conference playoff teams, but finished as the ninth seed in the west. If the proposed changes were enforced this year, then Oklahoma City would be in the playoffs and Brooklyn would miss the post season. In the past, there have been years where multiple teams were left out of the post season due to their conference being more competitive.

The fact that the playoffs would include the best 16 teams in the NBA would be very appealing to the league. Playoff basketball is supposed to be the best games played all year due to higher stakes and more



competitive matchups. Thus, it would make sense to play the best 16 teams. Rather than having the team with the best overall record play against one that had the 18th or 19th best record. The new format would also benefit the higher seeds from the stronger conference since in the current set-up they play better teams throughout the entire post season. Those matchups would be more likely to require more games to decide who moves on to the next round. On the other side of the league the top teams of the weaker conference would probably play less games meaning more rest for their players, fewer injuries and giving them an edge in the finals.

However there are aspects which would complicate this possible rule change. The fact that teams play teams from the other conferences only twice a season but play four games against teams within their own conference creates issues of using team's records in comparison to others. Since teams don't play the same schedule, to definitively say that a team from one conference is better than a team from another based on their records becomes impossible. If the NBA were to create a new standard for determining who gets into the playoffs, it would probably have to go hand in hand with a new

scheduling system for games. Currently, games between east and west coast teams lead to higher prices for tickets since they are rarities. Therefore, increasing the amount of those games will lead to a loss of revenue. These added complications and possible loss of profits could persuade the NBA against accepting the new rules.

The concern that one division becomes too competitive could be solved with the salary cap that was recently agreed upon during the lockout in 2011. With the salary cap, teams will have to pay a luxury tax for exceeding the cap, thus, meaning teams won't be able to afford having multiple highly skilled players. If more top skilled players are on different teams, more teams (such as low market teams) could afford better players, ultimately creating a more competitive league overall. If the NBA feels like the new salary cap agreement will solve this problem then they might be discouraged from creating anything new, or at the very least, put the decision off for a later year.

Overall the league will decide on the option that it believes will create the best product which is quality playoff basketball games. They will weigh whether or not the current system or a different one will result in games that people will rather want to watch and that players feel is fair to them. By addressing these two concerns the will achieve a happier league and more viewership that will lead to higher revenue. Discussing this issue will begin once this season has finished.

Week's Best Sports Tweets

“How great is it to win both the women and the men NEC tennis Championships. Yahoooo. Big Dawg is mighty proud of those racquet bulldogs.” @BryantUprez

“What a weekend for Dawgs! 2 tennis championships, @_BryantBaseball sweeps MSM @BryantWLax goes 2-0 and @BryantSoftball sweeps SHU #TitleTown” @BryantDawgPound

“WLAX: @bryantwlax remains undefeated in NEC play with 17-10 win over Saint Francis U. Sunday” @BryantAthletics

“Bryant beats Umass Amherst 32-12 to win the Beast of the East #DOGPOUND” @bryantmensrugby

Red Sox week two recap

By Pat Curran
Staff Writer

The Red Sox went three and three during week two of their young season. They won their home opener and won their first three series in a season for the first time since 1952. However, their pitching staff, especially their starting rotation, made this a largely forgettable week.

The Red Sox starting rotation is currently sporting a 6.24 ERA, which is worst in baseball by a long shot. All the critics in the offseason who said the Red Sox have a weak staff and don't have enough pitching have proven to be right so far.

Newly signed Rick Porcello has a terrible 6.63 ERA and other newcomer Wade Miley isn't fairsing any better with a whopping 10.57 ERA. The very scary issue with Porcello is the fact that he has given up five home runs in three starts. Porcello came to Boston with the reputation of a ground ball pitcher. Ground ball pitchers aren't supposed to be giving up more than one home run a game. The only starting pitcher with a decent ERA is Joe Kelly who has done well on the young season as he is 1-0 with a 2.13 ERA. Changes needed to be made if the rotation does not improve soon.

It is very surprising that the Red Sox are sitting at 7-5 on the season considering the number of starters in the lineup who aren't producing. The highly touted prospect Mookie Betts is hitting a pedestrian .204 with two home runs and eight RBI. Slugger David Ortiz is hitting .225 with two home runs and 4 RBI. However, the most disappointing player has been first baseman Mike Napoli. Napoli is hitting a disappointing .140 with no home runs and one RBI. This one hits especially close to home for me as I predicted in the beginning of the season that Napoli would hit forty home runs. There is still plenty of time for Nap to turn it around and signs are showing he's starting to figure it out as he's picked up six hits in his last ten games.

For all these things working



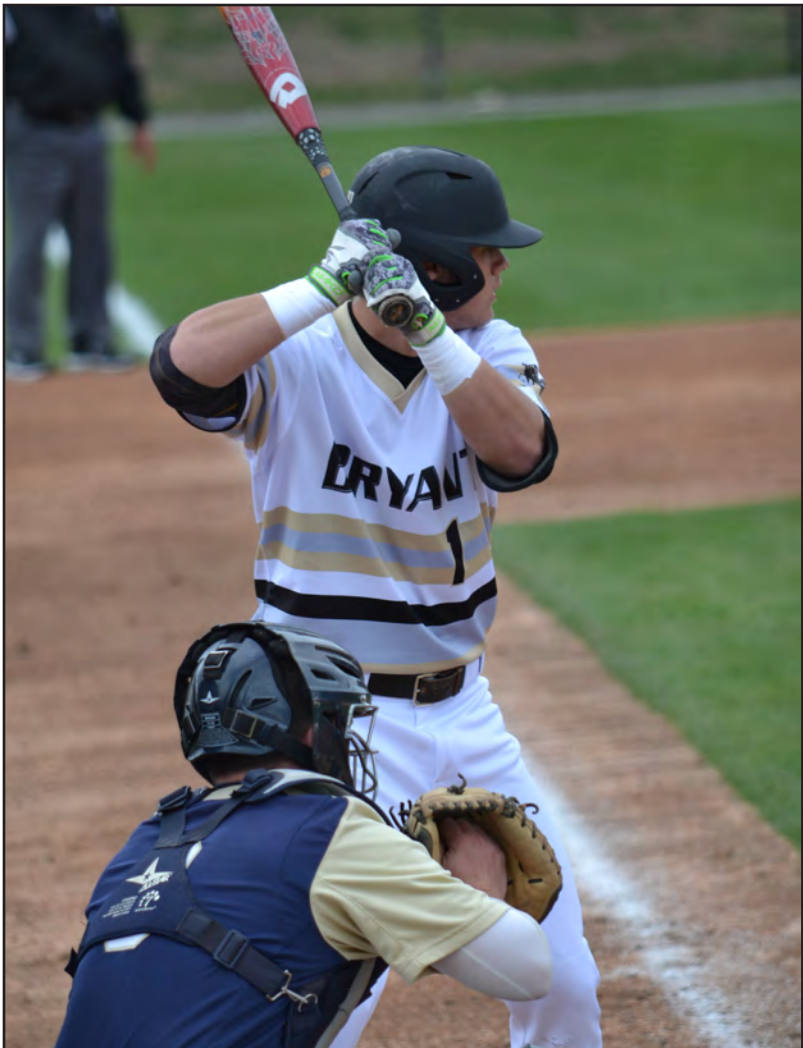
Newly signed Rick Porcello has given Sox fans a little reason to worry

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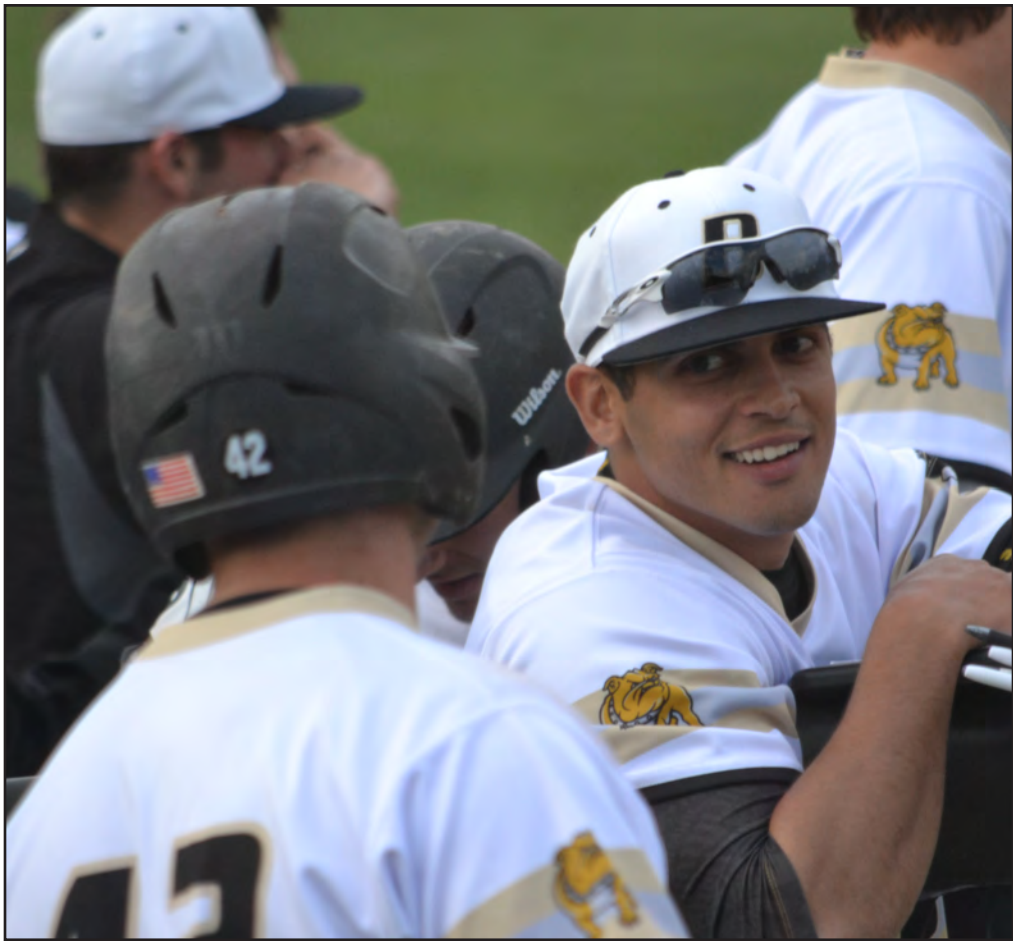
against the Sox, they are still over two games over .500 and sitting tied for first in the AL East. Hanley Ramirez has figured out a way to be a reincarnation of Manny Ramirez as he has already managed to hit five home runs and put a hole in the wall of the Green Monster during batting practice. Xander Bogaerts has hit .326 on the season and has gotten on base at a forty percent clip. Bogey also had a walk off single against the Orioles on a Friday night thriller at Fenway. Brock Holt is also hitting .480 on the young season and has proven to be the sparkplug that this team needs.

The Sox headed to the Trop for three games starting Tuesday and then north of the border to face the Blue Jays for a three game weekend series. So, all in all, a key upcoming week for the local team.

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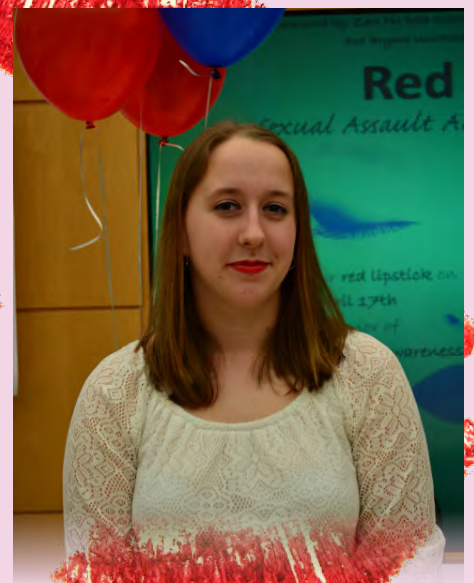
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Challenges of freshman year

By Ellis Williams
Contributing Writer

The Many college veterans across the world will never forget freshman year at college. Some may like to forget about the freshman year experience, but overall it's a time filled with expectation, some anxiety, and wonderful discoveries of who we are as young adults in today's society.

College is much different from high school. You might decide to commute, live on campus, and have off campus housing. The freshman year experience will definitely make a lasting impression on you and the most dramatic kids are those living far away from home. The biggest question going into the first fall college experience is what can you expect as you head off into the world of higher education? The First thing freshman notice is the workload. Assignments will be heavier and more intense than you have ever experience. The major challenges of college tasks are the large volumes of

reading, the short deadlines, and the overwhelming writing that is required in almost every single class. Students presented with this brand new workload are affected with the feeling of doubt, frustration, and possibly loneliness.

Making a lot of new friends is definitely the key to getting through your freshman year in one peace. Always be yourself, don't strike a pose or play the role of somebody you are not. Make friends who relate to you, believe it or not your college friendships will the most satisfying and long term of your life.

24 hours a day you are on your own. Live life to the fullest and enjoy this newfound freedom, but in reality freedom always comes with responsibility. It is ok to kick it and hang out with your friends till 3 a.m. eating popcorn, having a great time. Self-Discipline is the number 1 key to having success at the college level, preparing for your future in the real world. Be sensitive to your own gravity. If you are attracted to a certain study, do all you can to find out about the subject of your focus. The beginning of the self-definition process is freshman year. Going to college is about getting your degree to become successful in an already tough job market and finding out who you really are as an adult in today's society.

HHS head: Feds will continue building on Obamacare successes

By Sylvia Burwell
MCT Campus

For more than a century, American leaders have struggled to find ways to extend quality, affordable health care to everyone. We made progress for the elderly, the under-served and children, but for many Americans, the goal remained unattainable.

Nathan Auldrige knew that truth too well. He was a senior in college when he started experiencing double vision and severe vomiting. He was diagnosed with a life-threatening brain tumor and had to undergo a craniotomy and six weeks of radiation. The treatments were successful and he was declared cancer-free in 2006.

But as a cancer survivor, Nathan found that a new health struggle was just beginning. In addition to having a pre-existing condition, he had developed narcolepsy. He was suddenly very difficult to insure.

In 2013, Nathan worked with special needs adults, a job he was passionate about but that didn't provide health coverage. So he found a plan on the private market for almost \$500 a month with a \$5,000 deductible. Still, with coverage his prescriptions and medical expenses were more than half of his yearly income of \$20,000. He was able to get by only with help from his family.

But five years ago this week, Nathan _ and millions of Americans like him _ found hope in a new law, the Affordable Care Act.

After years of dropped coverage, flimsy plans and barriers to care, everyone's coverage has improved, because consumers have new protections, including those

who get health insurance through their employers. They can't be turned away because of pre-existing conditions; they can't be dropped just because they get sick and insurance has to cover care that Americans count on, like trips to the emergency room, prescriptions and preventive services.

And coverage is now affordable for millions of Americans.

As of Feb. 22, nearly 11.7 million Americans had signed up or were re-enrolled through the marketplace during this year's open enrollment. And those shoppers found good deals. Nearly 80 percent of 2015 marketplace customers who selected plans using HealthCare.gov could purchase coverage for \$100 or less per month after tax credits.

And we're starting to see real progress toward ensuring that every American has access to affordable, quality coverage. Since the passage of the Affordable Care Act five years ago, about 16.4 million uninsured people have gained health coverage. That's the largest reduction of the uninsured in four decades.

Nathan found a plan on the 2014 marketplace that, with the help of a premium tax credit, cost him just \$111 per month. And this year it's even lower, at \$100. His new deductible is only \$725. And since his prescriptions are now covered, his \$1,200-a-month narcolepsy drug costs him only \$10.

Across the nation, consumers found quality, affordable health coverage like Nathan did. They made it clear that this is a product they need, want and like. And they don't want that coverage taken away.

Our nation has come too far to go backwards.

But as we look at the next five years and beyond, we have a new challenge ahead of us.

Many of the newly insured are navigating coverage for the first time, and it can be confusing. They may not know whom to call or where to go when they are sick. They may not think to take advantage of free preventive services that can detect cancer early or help keep their diabetes under control. And _ just as importantly _ they may not know what to do to keep themselves healthy.

Our next challenge is making these historic changes work for individuals by connecting people to the services they need. Going "From Coverage to Care."

"From Coverage to Care" is about empowering people to take control of their own health. It focuses on three priorities: connecting people to the care they need; teaching them how to understand their benefits and their bills; and giving them the tools to make healthier decisions for healthier lives.

If you would like to learn more about how to take control of your health or how to help others, we have created a number of resources, including videos and printable materials, at the website From Coverage To Care.

Five years ago, we laid the foundation for a historic transformation in our health care system. Today, it's paying off, for consumers, businesses and our economy. And we will continue to build on that foundation, to ensure that everyone has access to affordable, quality care and knows how to use it. Americans deserve no less.

Technology changing the climate debate

By Orange County Register
MCT Campus

This year could well go down in history as the moment when technology transformed the debate about climate change.

Instead of an argument about "the science" indicating "anthropogenic global warming," the really intractable disagreement concerns the policy _ what, if anything, our public officials should require of us as a result of their interpretation of the science.

While Americans have argued over the policy, worsening an already unimaginative and stagnant political climate, our best technologists have begun to lay the groundwork for scientific advancements that can upend stale debates about capping emissions and the like.

For years, the problem with solar power was straightforward: Our technology could not absorb, or store, enough energy from the sun. Now, however, thanks to the likes of Elon Musk, those days are all but over.

Together, through Tesla and a separate company called SolarCity, Musk and his

cousin Lyndon Rive have achieved advancements in solar cells and battery storage sufficient to attract the attention of some of America's biggest companies. Wal-Mart wants to use their technology to power its huge stores, and Apple wants to use it to go completely "clean" in its energy use.

But wait, there's more. Thanks to technology, superficially outlandish ideas that could revolutionize climate policy are now headed from science fiction to science fact. Musk's "hyperloop" idea for ultrafast mass transit is now in the hands of a crack team of experts who are taking their company public this year.

Elsewhere, the scientists our government cares about most have broached the idea of tweaking our climate the way Google's Nest thermostat keeps a handle on your Heating, Venting and Air Conditioning. In a study sponsored by the CIA, NASA and the Department of Energy, the National Academy of Sciences has called for experiments in geoengineering until now, seen as a kooky lark.

Officeholders and officials should be on notice: In light of these developments, the climate policy debate of the rapidly approaching future isn't about how we need to live, but how we want to live.

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Unfriended: enjoyably stupid

By AJ Beltis
Staff Writer

Unfriended is the kind of horror film that gets you wondering if its absurdity is intentional or not. My question – does it matter? The movie is entertaining. Some will say it is ridiculous and stupid, others will say it has legitimately terrifying scenes. I saw a bit of both, and found myself at the edge of my seat with intense anticipation, as well as drawing the attention of every moviegoer in the theater as I laughed along with some of the death scenes. Add that up, and I’d be lying if I didn’t say I would recommend this movie to people.

In a highly original approach, Unfriended takes place almost entirely on the computer screen of high school student Blaire. On the anniversary of her classmate Laura’s suicide, she Skypes with her boyfriend Mitch and their four friends. The friends recount the events that caused Laura to take her own life, which all trace back to the backlash and bullying that resulted following an embarrassing video that went viral.

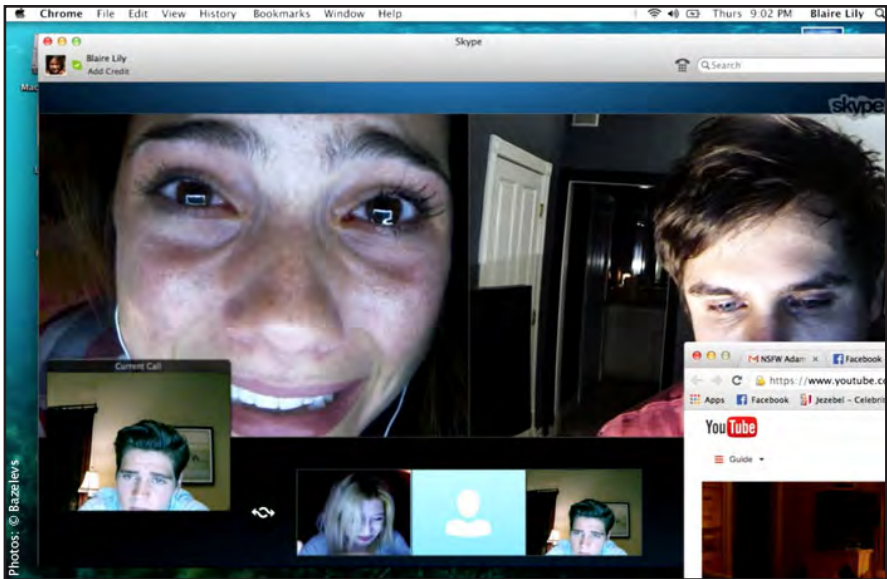
Blaire and her friends notice an unknown member in their group chat who they aren’t able to remove, report, or block. Soon, the glitch reveals itself to be the ghost of Laura, which no one seems to care about at first except for Blaire (who obnoxiously and incessantly texts her boyfriend out of fear). Laura’s spirit controls everyone’s computers, contacting the group through Skype, Facebook, Google, and even their printers.

Slowly, Laura taunts all the friends with threats to kill them if they sign off, and possesses their bodies and forces them to commit suicide as their friends watch helplessly from home. As the fear heightens, the strength of their friendship is tested as secrets of their relationship with Laura and the role they played in her death comes to be known.

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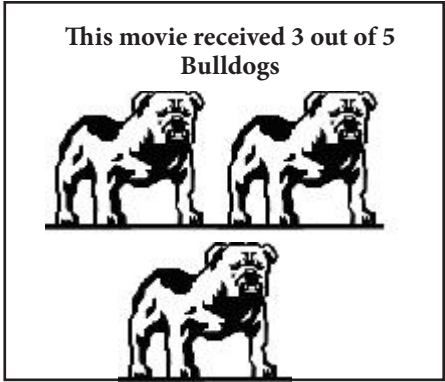
Unfriended has scenes of genuine tension, with a shining example being one where two of the friends receive threatening notes through their printers which leads up to the most shocking death in the film. However, some moments are, for a lack of a better word, stupid. One scene shows Blaire and her friends facing an immediate threat, to which Blaire responds by taking a five minute diversion from the horror to bring us a head-scratching Chat roulette scene. And then we have some funny scenes, which include Laura’s spirit posting a meme after killing one of the teens.

But let’s backtrack for a second. The whole concept of Unfriended is completely absurd. The idea of conveying an anti-cyberbullying message to a teen audience through a film that takes place entirely on a computer screen is great. That had me



intrigued. But the ghost in the film is of a bullied girl who committed suicide. Why did she kill herself? A video emerged after she pooped her pants. Yes, a girl committed suicide because everyone laughed at her after she pooped herself. I just laughed to myself at this idea – not at the idea of a teenager being humiliated to the point of killing herself, but at the idea of a girl feeling like there was no other way...because she pooped her pants. These days, people kill themselves for being called a slut, gay, or a whore, and if people committed suicide for pooping their pants, no one would make it to the first grade alive. Having said that, this definitely added to the overall feel of the film, which was, again, absolutely ridiculous.

So while Unfriended isn’t the highest quality horror film, I did enjoy it for the most part. I basked in the stupidity and actually enjoyed and commend some of the more intense scenes, and I laughed more times than I ever have in a “horror” movie. So if you go in with this mindset, Unfriended is an achievement. But if you want to be genuinely scared, watch something else.



Students eager for Special Olympics’ return to Bryant for 35th consecutive year

By Jennifer Cormican
Contributing Writer

Get ready Bryant Students! It is that time of year again the arrival of the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics Day of Games! For the thirty-fifth year the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympic Games are back at Bryant. This event, held annually, is one of three regional games in Rhode Island, the others being at Salve Regina University and Bishop Hendricken High School. Later competitors from these games all head to compete at the state games at the University of Rhode Island.

This year the games at Bryant are scheduled for Saturday, May 2 at the track and the football stadium, and this event is a focal point for the campus coming together for a great cause. These athletes spend all year practicing in their track and field events, and it looks like this will be one of the best years yet. This year the committee is excited to have the athletes back to see what they can do. Each year during the Day of Games 600 athletes travel to Bryant’s campus to compete, along with their families and supporters. To help and support these athletes the committee puts together over 500 volunteers for the various jobs that they do during the day.

The Special Olympics is a massive international organization featuring athletes with developmental disabilities from all over the world. The world games are

an international event, and this amazing organization was originally founded in the mid 1970’s by Eunice Kennedy Shriver to honor her sister Rosemary. In these games people who are challenged compete in a wide variety of athletic events, everything from soccer to track and field, to tennis and more traditional Olympic events, such as swimming. Here at Bryant, our event is focused on track and field, but there is an exciting volleyball tournament as well.

How can students at Bryant help? Volunteer, that is the best thing for people to do because of the massive planning and execution that happens on this day (Saturday, May 2). The Special Olympics committee needs your help, and the more help we have the more smoothly the day goes for the athletes and those supporting them. There are all sorts of volunteer jobs to do, such as grilling hamburgers and hotdogs for the spectators and athletes, or timing the various track and field events that happen, or simply being there at the finish line to cheer for the athletes. No matter what your skills or interests, there will definitely be something for you to do.

This day is not only fun for the athletes, but for the volunteers as well. I can remember having conversations with the athletes and their families last year at the grill station while handling money for those buying food or taking the meal tickets.. They were so inspiring, and their families were so supportive of them; it was so great to see

this and to learn more about their lives.

You never know what you can learn from a stranger and what life lessons they can teach you. The Day of Games here at Bryant University is one of my favorite events, and it is one of the most rewarding as well. Now what could be a better way to spend a Saturday than doing something incredibly rewarding and moving?

If you can’t volunteer and just want to come out to see the games, the more supporters we have the better. The event will be from 8:30am – 4:30pm out by the football field; come out and cheer on the athletes! We will be having two shifts for our volunteers during the day, 8:30am – 12:00pm and 1pm – 4:30pm. Sso sign up for either of those times if you didn’t sign up at our Kickoff Event. Get ready for the Day of Games, and we will see you out there!

Interested volunteers should email bbroome@bryant.edu for more information.

Don’t forget to follow our twitter account: @BryantSORI2015 or our Facebook account: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Special-Olympics-of-Rhode-Island-Bryant-University/261993413936477?fref=nnf>

The more people that like/follow our pages the more support we will get for the Day of Games. We can never have too many volunteers or supporters!

Comic of the Week



Dr. Seuss’ Son’s High School Graduation Gift

The College Scoop

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The Stanford Daily Stanford College

Renowned speaker, actress, author and philanthropist Oprah Winfrey spoke about what it means to live a meaningful life in the annual “Harry’s Last Lecture on a Meaningful Life” on Monday, April 20. Before giving the lecture, Winfrey met with The Stanford Daily and shared why she wanted to participate as this year’s Rathbun Visiting Fellow.

The Miscellany News Vassar College

Last Saturday, April 11, Sustainable Hudson Valley met at Vassar for its Spring Conference to discuss building the region’s “blue economy,” addressing questions about how to make the Hudson Valley’s water system more sustainable through improving efficiency, reducing usage, reduced contamination, and increasing access to waterways. This conference was timely, given California’s Governor Brown Executive Order B-29-15, issued on April 1, limiting water consumption because of the state’s severe ongoing drought.

The University Star Texas State University

University officials overhauled their approach to sexual misconduct investigations in August 2014 in response to federal mandates and pressure. Changes in the Title IX policy and procedure have likely increased the number of sexual misconduct reports and investigations, said Gilda Garcia, chief diversity officer and Title IX coordinator.

The Heights Boston College

Men’s hockey head coach Jerry York saw his salary decrease slightly in the 2014 fiscal year. York received a total compensation of \$626,593 in 2014, a two percent drop from his \$638,975 payment from 2013. This is following a 20 percent jump in York’s salary from 2012.

THE POETRY CORNER

At the Lighthouse on the Bay

By Florence Widmer

Awed, amazed by the astounding décor
The wall was a picture window facing the bay
Sails in the sun glimmered, glistened

While sipping our drinks
Surveying the room
Lighthouse lit at each table
Gave a soft glow, gracing faces of diners.

Netting randomly draped the walls
Clam, conch, cochel shells
Intertwined with heavy ropes
Starfish, sailors knots, anchors

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